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SUBJ: NANTEUIL-LE HAUDOUIN SISTER CITY REQUEST

REF: PARIS 1251; STATE 016746, PARIS 02796

1. BOTKINS, OHIO (POP. 1100) VERY INTERESTED HAVING NANTEUIL-LE HAUDOUIN AS SISTER CITY. BOTKINS LOCATED RURAL AREA 60 MILES NORTH OF DAYTON, OHIO. PRIMARY ECONOMIC BASE OF TOWN IS GROWTH AND SALE FEED AND GRAIN. SUGAR BEET FARMING AREA 30 MILES NORTH IN VAN WERT COUNTY.

2. PRIMARY CONTACT IN BOTKINS IS MR. LAWRENCE THAMAN, CHAIRMAN, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF KIWANIS. HIS ADDRESS: 320 EAST WALNUT ST., BOTKINS, OHIO 45306. MR. OLIVER AMOS, EDITOR OF THE SIDNEY DAILY NEWS, P.O. BOX 150, SIDNEY, OHIO (12 MI. FROM BOTKINS) EXPRESSED PERSONAL INTEREST IN HAVING HIS COUNTY NEWSPAPER (ALSO THE DAILY PAPER FOR BOTKINS) PARTICIPATE IN THIS RELATIONSHIP. HIS PUB COMPANY ALSO PUBLISHES COIN WORLD MAGAZINE. CONTACTED HARRY EDWARDS (STANFORD SMITH'S ASSISTANT), AMERICAN NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION, WHO ENDORSES AMOS.

3. OBERLIN RETAINS INTEREST IN COMPIEGNE. SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL CONVINCED THESE UNIVERSITY TOWNS MATCH WELL DESPITE SIZE DISPARITY. NUMBER OBERLIN CITIZENS TRAVELING TO PARIS REGION GIVES PROMISE ACTIVE RELATIONSHIP. REQUEST UNCLASSIFIED

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AMEMBASSY PARIS CONTACT OFFICE OF MAYOR OR OTHER APPROPRIATE

PERSON IN COMPIEGNE TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS INTEREST IN
DISCUSSING RELATIONSHIP. COMPIEGNE NOW HAS FIVE AFFILI-
ATIONS WITH EEC TOWNS AND SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH PROGRAM.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT EMBASSY CONTACT APPROPRIATE
PERSONS IN COMPIEGNE AND ADVISE THEIR RECEPTIVITY RE:
AFFILIATION WITH OBERLIN. THAT EMBASSY HAVE AUDANCOURT
CONTACT THAMAN IF INTERESTED IN BOTKINS. PLEASE ADVISE. KISSINGER

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